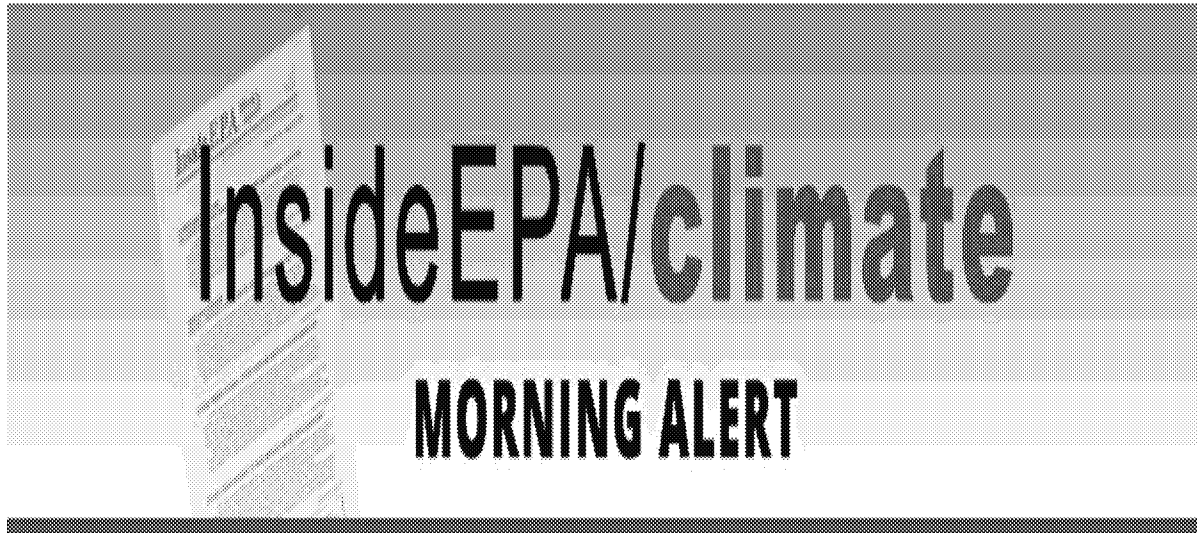


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EPA Floats 'Secret Science' Ban Rule, Signaling Possible Internal Fixes

EPA has sent for White House review a proposed rule to increase the transparency of regulatory science, advancing Administrator Scott Pruitt's controversial efforts to ban the use of "secret science" in a move that suggests officials have addressed at least some internal concerns that such a policy could violate statutory protections of medical privacy and trade secrets.

Federal Climate Policy 'Vacuum' Has Spurred Uptick In Novel Climate Suits

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Climate Beat

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Loose Change: White House official reiterates support for Pruitt

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